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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY FA AWARDS EVENING

Tonight's awards will recognise those people and organisations driving grassroots football in Sussex.

For any sports fan, sports are the epitome of hard work and dedication. To get the top of any sport, even the most naturally gifted athletes have had to give it their all.

There's nothing more exciting than seeing a team come back from 3-0 down to win a match. Even the most cynical of supporters is moved by the sheer effort involved.

Of course, any athlete or footballer will tell you that without a team of people behind them, such as friends and family, coach, manager, supporters, they probably could not have achieved the same success.

Winner of the Golden Boot at this year's World Cup in Russia, Harry Kane, put it quite simply:

"When times are down, keep believing, keep working hard, and things will pick up."

This evening we will recognise the work of people within our grassroots game, many who have given countless hours for the good of football in Sussex; be it facilitating play

or encouraging others to get involved with the game. That dedication and commitment from individuals, teams and clubs, all contributes to what we call, 'the beautiful game'.

I am proud to be the Chairman of the Sussex County FA and it is my privilege to recognise the achievements of those nominated tonight.

I hope you enjoy the evening, be inspired by what you hear and encouraged to help others achieve their goals, or even to achieve them for yourself.

Mathew Major
Chairman of Sussex County FA



I didn't score today, but coach said
my positioning was great.
Can't wait for next Saturday's game.

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ORDER OF EVENTS

18



WELCOME

SUSSEX COUNTY FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

- 10 Year Staff Awards
- 15 Year Staff Awards
- 15 Year County Member Awards
- 15 Year Service To Sussex Football Awards

SUSSEX COUNTY FA GROUNDSMAN OF THE YEAR

- Sussex Football Groundsman Awards

SUSSEX COUNTY FA REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD AWARDS

- South East Counties Youth Championship

SUSSEX COUNTY FA REFEREE AWARDS

- 15 Year Referee Awards

SUSSEX COUNTY FA & THE FA REFEREE AWARDS

- 25 Year Referee Awards

ALAN MULLERY MOTIVATIONAL TALK

SUSSEX COUNTY FA REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD AWARDS

- South East Regional 11-a-side Disability Cup

BREAK

THE FA PEOPLE'S CUP AWARDS

- Walking Football Regional Winners

THE FA & MCDONALD'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS

- Supporter of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Charter Standard Club of the Year
- The Respect Award
- Charter Standard League of the Year
- Community Project of the Year

SUSSEX COUNTY FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

- 25 Year Service To Sussex Football Awards
- 35 Year Service To Sussex Football Awards

SUSSEX COUNTY FA & THE FA REFEREE AWARDS

- 35 Year Referee Awards
- 40 Year Referee Awards

THE FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

- 50 Year Service To Football Awards

THE FA REFEREE AWARDS

- 50 Year Referee Awards

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ALAN MULLERY MBE

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Alan captained Fulham, Tottenham Hotspur and England in a career which began in 1956. He won thirty five caps for England and played in the 1970 World Cup Finals, before leading Spurs to victory in the 1972 UEFA Cup Final.

Following his retirement from playing in 1975, he managed Brighton & Hove Albion for a spell, taking them into the First Division. He is currently a football pundit on Sky Sports and a club ambassador for the Seagulls.



MARTIN BODENHAM

Martin's began refereeing in 1966 and progressed through the local leagues to become a Premier League referee. He also operated on the FIFA list, taking charge of international and European club fixtures.

Currently, Martin is on the Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL) and acts as an Observer Reviewer looking at key match decisions as part of his role on the Review Panel. He is also a Referee Developer.

JOHNNY CANTOR

Johnny has huge experience as a broadcaster on both television and radio across news, sport and entertainment. He is an accomplished presenter and his commentaries have been heard by thousands, used on programmes such as BBC's Football Focus and BBC Late Kick Off.



DAVID CRICK

David is The Referee's Association representative on the FA Council and has held the position since July 2013.

He first qualified as a referee in 1970, and quickly progressed up the refereeing ladder joining the FIFA list of assistant referees in 1995.

Now, along with his FA Council duties, David is a National League observer and Level 3 referee coach.

10 YEAR STAFF AWARDS

AWARDED FOR TEN YEARS CONTINUAL SERVICE AS A STAFF MEMBER TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY FA

PAUL SAUNDERS

Paul joined the Sussex County FA in February 2008 as Referee Development Officer.

During his time heading up the refereeing department Paul introduced, what is now known as, the referee advisor scheme, which was designed to support all new and young referees during their first season, to increase retention.

Paul was also responsible for increasing the number of referees in Sussex to over one thousand for the first time in many years.

One of Paul's coups was to secure the services of Howard Webb, FIFA World Cup Final Referee, at the annual FAMOA event, where he gave a presentation on his World Cup experience to over four hundred local referees.

Paul is now the Development Manager and one of his responsibilities is to support clubs to improve their facilities through funding opportunities.



SUSSEX COUNTY FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS



15 YEAR STAFF AWARDS

AWARDED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS CONTINUAL SERVICE AS A STAFF MEMBER TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY FA

BRIAN SHACKLOCK

Having previously been part of the Sussex County FA setup as a League Secretary, Council Member and also a Referee, Brian was employed on a full-time basis in June 2003.

His role as the Stadium Officer coincided with the County FA's plans to upgrade the Culver Road facility to its present standard. As a result of these plans, his position was originally created in order to follow through with the changes brought in by the Board and overseen by the CEO.

However, as this was a new role in its infancy, Brian also assisted in the Governance Department and took on the responsibilities for the youth cup competitions, representative football administration, health & safety and its associated roles, liaison with contractors and supply ordering until the role grew into what it is today.

Following the initial period, the cup competitions role was returned to the Governance Department allowing Brian to concentrate more of his time on the facility improvement.

The title of Stadium Officer changed after a time as the role took on more responsibility and the title of Facilities Officer was introduced. Nothing really changed, but as the areas such as the pitch and the car park were taken on, the word Facility better described the position.

Then the improvement work started, with Brian heavily involved in the day to day operations, as the stadium was redeveloped into what it is today. The Office building has also gone through change in order to accommodate the ever increasing number of staff required to fill the various roles that The FA now require.

More recent changes Brian has been involved with include the grass pitch being converted into a state-of-the-art 3G surface and all lighting at the facility, including the floodlights, changed to more energy efficient LED lighting.

The latest change was again the role title, with Brian becoming the Stadium Supervisor alongside Adrian Howell, Stadium Manager.



15 YEAR COUNTY MEMBER AWARDS

AWARDED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS CONTINUAL SERVICE AS A COUNTY MEMBER TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY FA

MARK POTTER

Mark has covered many roles during his time as a County Member (previously known as a Council Member) with the Sussex County FA.

He has served on several different Committee's over the years, with his latest role being a Commission Chairman, leading a team of three on misconduct hearings.

Mark has volunteered to work at most of the County Cup Finals over the years, played at the County FA Headquarters in Lancing, as well as covering Representative Squad matches. If you have attended one, you have more than likely met Mark without realising it, as he can usually be found operating the turnstiles!

During his long association with Sussex football spanning over thirty years, Mark's other roles have included Club Secretary at Eastbourne Town, Fixtures Secretary for the Eastbourne and District Football League, also serving as League Secretary.

In addition to those, Mark has been in refereeing since 1987, again covering many duties within Refereeing Associations.



SUSSEX COUNTY FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS



15 YEAR SERVICE TO SUSSEX FOOTBALL AWARDS

AWARDED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS CONTINUAL SERVICE TO SUSSEX FOOTBALL

PHIL BADROCK ICKLESHAM CASUALS FC

Phil first played for Icklesham Casuals FC, back in 2003 and has made 379 appearances for the club. He has been a real stalwart and example to

members within the club, often at the front of the queue when there is fund raising and social events to run and organise.



SEAN BAKER ICKLESHAM CASUALS FC

Sean joined Icklesham Casuals FC as a school boy back in 2000, and remained there since. To date, he has played 335 games.

Sean has also been involved with fund raising for the club and organising social activities.

PAUL GARNELL SOVEREIGN SAINTS FC

Sovereign Saints was formed by Paul in 2003, and with the club celebrating its fifteenth year in 2018, it is a fitting tribute to honour him with such an award.

Paul and the clubs ethos has always been to offer reasonably priced football to all, regardless of ability. Since forming as a junior club with just a handful of children, Paul has steered it through year on year growth.

In 2017/18, at the time of the nomination, there are fourteen teams, from under-7 to under-18 plus two trainee groups for the younger children. There are over two hundred and fifty junior members, plus around forty volunteers in coaching and other roles.

On the clubs tenth anniversary, a senior section was launched, now running two successful teams in the East Sussex Football League.

Paul works incredibly hard, and is very hands on, he is instrumental in most things that go on within the club.

As well as being Club Chairman, Paul is also Treasurer, Fixture Secretary, and countless more even less glamorous jobs!

Paul also serves on the Management Committee of the Sussex Sunday Youth League.



SUSSEX FOOTBALL GROUNDSMAN AWARDS

AWARDED TO THE GROUNDSMAN WHO SHOWS PASSION
AND DEDICATION TO KEEP THEIR PITCH IN TOP CONDITION

ERIC NUNN PAGHAM FC

Nominated by Kelly Heatley, the Clubhouse Manager and Welfare Officer at Pagham FC, Eric Nunn has been part of the club for over forty years occupying several positions, including being Chairman for ten of those years.

However, during all of that time, whatever other roles he has performed he has always tended to the pitch.

Kelly said: "His dedication to the club over that time has been remarkable. Every day, seven days a week he has arrived at the club for 9.15am and is out on the pitch in all weathers. Even more remarkable considering he is now in his eighties.

"After a morning cuppa he puts on his coat and goes out on his mower whistling away (always the same tune) till our next tea break.

"Eric will sit and tell me about what he has done on the pitch and what he will be doing. Sometimes I have no idea what he is going on about but I nod and agree as I know he enjoys what he does.

His favourite saying is 'wonder if anyone is going to give me a hand' but when do people offer he is quick to say 'no!' He doesn't like anyone on his pitch, he even moans when the players warm up on it!"

Kelly believes that Pagham have one of the better pitches in Sussex and the praise belongs to Eric, she continued: "This is solely down to him and his care and dedication to make sure the pitch is ready to play. He even comes to the ground before every match and walks over it to make sure nothing is amiss!

"Not only does he do the pitch but any little jobs around the club, be it a broken door handle

to a faulty light bulb, Eric will go to his shed, get his tools and fix it. The love this man has for the club is unconditional and a real credit to him.

"Sometimes I feel we all take Eric for granted as we just know everything will be in place for the next game, no questions asked.

"This is why I would love for Eric to win this award to show him how much he really is appreciated by all of us.

"So that is why I nominated Eric Nunn, as this man is truly amazing and Pagham FC owes him the gratitude for all he does for the football club!"



SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

AWARDED TO THE OVERALL LEAGUE WINNERS FOLLOWING A PLAY-OFF BETWEEN THE TWO GROUP WINNERS

UNDER-18S REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD

The Sussex County FA Under-18s Representative Squad won the South East Counties Youth Championship for the third successive season in another unbeaten campaign.

Sussex won their opening fixture of the Group B season against Hertfordshire after coming from behind to win 2-1.

In their next match they stormed to victory with an impressive home performance that resulted in beating the Amateur Football Alliance 6-1.

Just weeks later, the away fixture against the Amateur Football Alliance ended with both teams taking a point after Sussex were held to a 1-1 draw.

The final match of the campaign was against Hertfordshire and Sussex secured their place at the top of Group B and a spot in the South East Counties Youth Championship Play-Off Final, against the winners of Group A, after a late flurry of goals secured a 3-2 victory for Sussex in an entertaining encounter.

In Group A Essex won all of their matches seeing off Kent, Middlesex and London to set up a Play-Off Final with Sussex.

The Play-Off Final was played at Sheppy United's ground in Kent. Sussex came out on top after a dramatic 3-2 win, with the winning goal coming late into extra-time.

SUSSEX COUNTY FA REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD AWARDS



Overall, it was a fantastic season for the squad keeping their three year unbeaten run in the League competition going. The players have developed and move on in their careers as stronger, better and more experienced players.



15 YEAR REFEREE AWARDS

PRESENTED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE AS A REFEREE / ASSESSOR / TUTOR / OBSERVER

LEIGH CROWHURST

Leigh who is currently a Level 3 Official and a specialist Assistant Referee on the National Football League has been a referee since May 2003. A memorable match for Leigh was back in 2015 during the Christmas period when he refereed Hythe Town vs. Folkestone Invicta in a local derby. The match consisted of everything, from red cards to goals and a delayed kick-off as spectators squeezed into the small ground.

Leigh has also operated on the Football league describing his experience of walking out at Oxford Utd vs. Portsmouth on his first league game in front of 9,500 supporters as an amazing feeling.

CHRIS HANDLEY

Chris is a Level 5 Senior County Referee and has been officiating since January 2003. He regularly officiates on the Southern Combination Football League and referees on the Mid Sussex and Sussex Sunday Football Leagues.

His most memorable game was in the Sussex Sunday George Millyard Senior Cup Final in 2008 between Millhouse and Hikers Rest. Chris is also an active member of the Brighton RA.

PAUL ISLES

Paul has recently been promoted to a Level 6 Referee, having started refereeing in 2003. His favourite game was the Under-14s Arun and Chichester Youth Football League Challenge Cup Final. The reason is that this was his first ever Cup Final appointment as a referee, and the game was played between Worthing Town and Chichester City. Paul has officiated on the West Sussex, East Sussex, Sussex County (Combination), Arun and Chichester, and British Universities College's Football Leagues.

KEVIN DAWSON

Kevin has been a referee since January 2003 and is Level 5 status. Kevin's most memorable game was the West Sussex Football League Tony Kopp Cup Final in 2008. This was the last Final to be played at Horsham FC's ground.

Kevin regularly officiates on the Southern Combination Football League along with the Mid and West Sussex Leagues and the Worthing & Horsham Sunday League. He has maintained a high quality level of officiating over the past fifteen years.

SUSSEX COUNTY FA REFEREE AWARDS



PHILIP NICHOLAS

Phillip has been a referee since June 2003 and has reached the heights of being a Level 3 match official and obtained a place on the national list of contributory league match officials. As a Chelsea supporter his most memorable match was

officiating Fulham Reserves vs. Chelsea Reserves at Craven Cottage in 2009. Phillip was also a panel group assistant between 2008-2010 and still officiates on the West Sussex Football League having done so since 2015.

BRENT PETTIT

Brent qualified as a referee in March 2003, and is currently a Level 6. His most memorable game was a Quarter-Final where he was being 'assessed', and the match went to a penalty shoot-out. Twenty-one penalties followed, with the last player stepping up injured, he took the shot anyway, but ball

never reached the goal line! Brent actively referees on the Mid Sussex Football League on Saturday's and when he can on Sunday's, outside of his other football roles. He is an active member on the management committee for the Brighton RA, and also referee observer.

NIGEL ROBINSON

Nigel qualified as a referee in March 2003, and is currently a Level 5 Senior County referee. His most memorable game was a Reserve Section Cup Semi-Final between Eastbourne Town and Eastbourne Borough. This was made particularly memorable by the attendance

of around 900, which is the largest crowd that Nigel has refereed in front of. The match itself went well, apart from an altercation between the two managers' at the end! Nigel has officiated in all spectrum's of football.

BARRIE SMALL

Barrie has been a referee since June 2003 and is a former President of the Sussex Referee Association. He is a Level 3 referee and regularly officiates on the Southern Combination and Bostik Football Leagues. Previously he has won the Referee of the Year Award from officiating on the West Sussex Football League. Barrie's most memorable game was his appointment to referee Southampton vs. Manchester City in the Under-18s Cup last season, as he is a lifelong City fan and season ticket holder from the age of 4!



LEIGH CROWHURST



NIGEL ROBINSON

25 YEAR REFEREE AWARDS

PRESENTED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE AS A REFEREE / ASSESSOR / TUTOR / OBSERVER



PAUL BARRATT

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Paul is a Level 5 Senior County Referee and has been refereeing since January 1993. A memorable game of Paul's was when he was the Assistant Referee in the 2005 FA Women's League Cup Final between Arsenal Ladies and Charlton Athletic Ladies which was played at Griffin Park, home of Brentford FC.

Paul is the Referee Appointments Secretary for the West Sussex Football League and the Sussex Schools FA. He is also an FA Referee Tutor and regularly trains the next generation of referees on the counties refereeing courses. Paul's involvement does not stop there as he is also a FA Referee Observer and Advisor.

KEVIN DOIDGE

Kevin first qualified in 1993 and is now a Level 6 Junior County Referee, which he was promoted to in 1998. Kevin officiates on the Mid Sussex and West Sussex Leagues, and has also been an FA Observer and Tutor, helping in the development of many referees over the years. Kevin has also been a key member of the Referees' Association, serving Sussex and in particular Horsham RA's loyally.

PAUL JOHN

Paul has been refereeing since January 1993. He has climbed the refereeing ladder and now operates as a Level 5 Senior County Referee. Beginning on the Sussex Sunday League, Paul then moved to officiate on the Mid Sussex League and most notably the Southern Combination League, where he has operated for many years and continues to do so.

A memorable game for Paul was when he refereed the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Final between Chichester City and Whitehawk in the 2006/07 season. Paul has also been rewarded with the Sussex County FA Intermediate and Junior Cup Final's, to name but a few, and was also named Referee of the Season on the Sussex County Football League for the 2007/08 season.

ANDREW IDE

Andy has been refereeing since 1993, and reached Level 6 status following promotion in 1997. He has served on several leagues, and also in many cup competitions. Andy has suffered a serious industrial injury at work, which has meant that he has now had to retire from refereeing. We naturally thank Andy for his service.

RUSSELL BROOKS

Russell has been refereeing since January 1993 and is now a Level 5 Senior County Referee. He officiates every Sunday on the Sussex County Women & Girls League and the South East Counties Women's League. Russell's most memorable refereeing experience is his continued appointments to Sussex Disability Football League tournaments.

ROBERT BELL

Bob first qualified in 1993 and is now a Level 5 Senior County Referee. His highest level reached was Level 4. He has served on many of the leagues in Sussex, and has also served as an Observer, assisting with the development of referees.

SUSSEX COUNTY FA & THE FA REFEREE AWARDS



MARTYN KING

Martyn is a Level 5 Senior County Referee, which he was promoted to in 2004, following initial registration in 1993. He has served many leagues over the years, and is currently active on the Brighton, Worthing and District Football League. Martyn doesn't have a particular favourite match, but cites all games, due to the diversity that our beloved sport of football brings. He finds the experience of officiating in disability football the most rewarding, with the joy that the participants bring to it. Martyn is a true supporter of grassroots football, in every sense.

ROBERT REED

Robert is a Level 7 Junior Referee and has been refereeing since January 1993. A memorable game for Robert was when he refereed The Stratford Cup Final in the 1998/1999 season, which was his first Cup Final for the Mid Sussex Football League.

Robert has refereed on the Mid Sussex league ever since he qualified and has to this date, officiated on fifteen Cup Finals. He has also officiated on a number of charity matches, including five game for the Kent Air Ambulance and three for the Bobby Moore Cancer Foundation.

DEREK MANSFIELD

Derek initially registered in 1993, and was promoted to his current level (Level 6), in 2003. He has covered many leagues in Sussex, including roles as an FA Observer and Tutor. Derek has also devoted many voluntary hours with the Sussex Referees Association, in particular Worthing RA, and he has also served on the National Referees Association Council.

ANTHONY O'BRIEN

Anthony became a referee in January 1993 and as a Level 5 Senior County Referee, officiates on matches in the Southern Combination Football League. He also operates on the West Sussex Football League, Worthing & Horsham District Sunday Football League and the Brighton, Worthing & District Football League.

Anthony's memorable game was refereeing the Sussex Principal RUR Charity Cup Final between local rivals Chichester City and Pagham in the 2017/18 season in which Chichester came away as winners after a 4-0 victory.

JAMES MCEWAN

Having registered in 1993, James was last promoted to Level 5 Senior County Referee in the year 2000. James has officiated on numerous leagues, and currently operates on the West Sussex Football League.

STEWART STAPLIN

Having registered in 1993, Stuart was last promoted to Level 5 Senior County Referee in 2004. He has officiated on numerous leagues, mainly in the east of the County.



ANTHONY O'BRIEN

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL 11-A-SIDE DISABILITY CUP

AWARDED TO THE CUP WINNERS OF
THE PAN-DISABILITY COMPETITION

DISABILITY REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD

Sussex County FA are proud to have officially established a Disability Representative Squad, showcasing the talented players from across the county.

This season the squad played in the South East Regional 11-a-side Disability Cup, a Pan-disability competition and players are selected to represent the Sussex County FA from the Sussex Disability Football League.

The squad hosted the first round of the Quarter-Finals in the South East Regional Disability 11v11 Competition at Steyning Town Community Football Club in April.

The day consisted of two separate groups of teams competing for the top spot and progression to the Semi-Finals of the tournament.

The group which Sussex hosted included Reading FC Deaf, St Albans, Sutton United and Westcliff United.

However, with Westcliffe United unfortunately unable to attend the competition due to illness, it was decided that double-headed matches would be played, with the Sussex side facing Sutton United and Reading FC Deaf taking on St Albans.

Sussex progressed through to the Semi-Finals of the tournament after a strong performance emerging as 4-0 winners overall.

SUSSEX COUNTY FA REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD AWARDS



The Semi-Finals and Final of the tournament took place at Slough Town FC in August.

Sussex overcame Healthy 4 Life 2-1 in a close encounter. Shortly after, Sussex took to the field again to compete against Reading FC Deaf in the Final.

Sussex were dominant and shot into a 2-1 lead before showing great character to hold and be crowned winners of the South East Regional 11-a-side Disability Cup.

The win capped off for what was a fantastic first season as a Representative Squad.



WALKING FOOTBALL REGIONAL WINNERS

AWARDED TO THE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONS
FOLLOWING A LOCAL QUALIFICATION ROUND

BRIGHTON & HOVE WALKING FC

The Seals - part of Brighton & Hove Walking Football Club, made it to the finals of the walking football category of The FA People's Cup which was held at St George's Park.

In order to get there The Seals went through a long and hard qualification campaign.

Their People's Cup journey started with local qualifiers, followed by a gruelling nine-team regional knock-out round in Wimbledon, where only one side could progress to England's esteemed training complex to compete at finals day. It was the Seals who triumphed!



SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR

AWARDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ALWAYS SUPPORTS THEIR TEAM, SETS THE EXAMPLE AND ENCOURAGES EVERYONE COME RAIN OR SHINE

TERRY CARTWRIGHT LANCING FC

Terry stands out as an incredible supporter of the club. He is eighty years-old and follows Lancing FC home and away, usually taking other supporters with him in his car.

He is liked and respected by everyone he meets including the players and opposition and is an incredible ambassador for the club.

Not content with just supporting the club, Terry volunteers throughout the week and does a huge amount in the background.

Lancing wouldn't be Lancing without hearing Terry shouting 'Come on you Yellow's' on a match-day.

Despite his age and health Terry is incredibly enthusiastic and energetic and takes on various roles at the club.

At home matches he is one of the first to arrive to help with the kit preparations, before taking up his tannoy duties for the day.

He also runs the club website ensuring that it is kept up-to-date and runs a fortnightly bingo to raise funds.

He has run fundraising auctions and without him the club may not have survived. Anyone who comes to Lancing knows Terry, and knows him as a force of nature. Good humoured, hard-working and a true club man through and through, it is not an exaggeration to say that Terry has raised thousands of pounds and kept the club afloat.

He orders merchandise, helps out at the club's market stall and liaises with the local parish council who all know him by name.

When Terry felt the local newspaper wasn't giving the club enough attention he wrote directly to the editor to complain. We have been on the back page ever since - Terry gets things done!



THE FA & McDONALD'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS



YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

AWARDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOWS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION, ALWAYS WILLING TO PUT IN THE TIME TO HELP MAKE THE GAME GREAT FOR ALL

FREDDIE STANDING

UCKFIELD GRASSHOPPERS FC

Freddie has for the last four years since he was twelve, been helping to coach Uckfield Grasshoppers JFC's Under-6s.

His respect for the game and for the club is tremendous.

His approach with the Under-6s is to include all of them in all that he coaches. They all look up to him so much, and the mutual respect that they have is magical.

Freddie has also made a massive difference to four age groups at the club, by coaching and showing them anything from the laws of the game, to tricks and moves.

The parents of the Under-6s find it quite remarkable, that a young teenager has the dedication to turn up every week and give up his own time for no reward.

They all know how much their children love and respect Freddie. The adult coaches also say that the sessions would not be the same without him being there with them.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

AWARDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S ALWAYS THERE FOR YOUR CLUB, WHO GIVES UP THEIR OWN TIME FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS

MICHAEL MARTIN

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC

Mick is one of three people at Crawley Down Gatwick FC, who if they weren't there, then quite simply there would be no football club.

His current roles are groundsman, programme editor, senior club secretary, junior secretary, charter standard coordinator, as well as many other smaller roles.

Mick has been at the club for so many years, and has done nearly every role that there is to do at the club.

Mick will always do what's required to make sure there is football available in the village, from kids to seniors.



THE FA & McDONALD'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS



COACH OF THE YEAR

AWARDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PEOPLE COUNT ON TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS INCLUDED

LUKE BALDWIN S C PASS AND MOVE

Luke took over at the S C Pass and Move Under-8's team at the start of last season and dedicates an extraordinary amount of time to help the team develop.

Luke teaches new skills to the team and pushes them to be the best they can be.

He never shouts and makes football "super fun" according to Lucas Hodd, who took the time to nominate him!

He will give all the players a fair chance to play and does not just pick the best players; this has led to the team feeling like a family.

Lucas mentions that Luke has taught him and the rest of the team to respect themselves and that through working together they can overcome anything.

Luke has the fantastic ability to always be able to cheer the boys up, even if they feel that they are having a bad day.

Along with coaching the Under-8s side, Luke also runs an adult side which helps keep men active and make friends as we all need people to talk to.

Luke is everything that The FA embodies and is driven to make other people happy.



CHARTER STANDARD CLUB OF THE YEAR

AWARDED TO A CLUB THAT MAKES MATCH DAYS SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, USING NEW FORMATS TO ATTRACT AND WELCOME EVERYONE

UCKFIELD GRASSHOPPERS FC

The Grasshoppers have three rules when it comes to playing football and these are; to play safe, to have fun and to play with respect. These are filtered all the way through the club and lead to the players and coaches generating a positive environment, to enable them to learn and develop.

The club offers a mentoring scheme for coaches as well as a youth mentor scheme, so that the club is more connected than ever before.

Uckfield Grasshoppers embrace the Foundation Phase of the England DNA, and continues to introduce and invest in Futsal.

The club has undergone a massive transformation in recent times, and finds itself as one of the nineteen Wildcats centres in the County.

The club is always striving to better themselves, to improve and provide children in the local community with the best possible footballing experience. This is provided in a warm, safe and supporting manner.



THE FA & McDONALD'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS



THE RESPECT AWARD

AWARDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INSPIRES POSITIVE CHANGE, AND ALWAYS BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE

DAVE DOWNES WOODINGDEAN WANDERERS FC

Dave has been involved with Woodingdean Wanderers since it was formed.

He is so determined to see the club flourish and is always flying the flag for the grassroots football values, ensuring that every parent and child has a fun, positive experience. He was the clubs main driver to achieving Charter Standard Status.

Football is in Dave's DNA, he coaches his own team whilst taking the lead in recruiting players for the future of the club. He is the creator of 'mini scamps' for the Under-6's and getting parents involved but also creating a fun environment for them to develop.

In addition, Dave also raises money for the local Trevor Mann Baby Unit at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, for one of his sons; baby Harry who died at just one day old.

So far Dave has raised in excess of £80,000! He gets the whole local community involved from schools to local businesses, which has gained the club respect and built great relationships with other clubs.



CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE OF THE YEAR

AWARDED TO A LEAGUE THAT CREATES A GREAT FORMAT AND ENVIRONMENT TO ENCOURAGE EVERY PLAYER

HORSHAM & DISTRICT YOUTH FL

The Horsham & District Youth League has been working incredibly hard, to educate its member clubs of the core values that are required from a Charter Standard League, based on The FA programmes.

The league has run a number of different variants of the game ranging from Futsal and indoor competitions to village green football.

They also ran a 'Champions League' style competition for mini soccer.

The League takes great pride in its Chartered Standard status and looks to continue their work into the 2018/19 season.



THE FA & McDONALD'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS



COMMUNITY PROJECT OF THE YEAR

AWARDED TO AN INITIATIVE WHICH MAKES A POSITIVE IMPACT THROUGH FOOTBALL AWAY FROM THE GAME

NAOMI ROBINSON

Naomi organised a women's 7-a-side tournament 'The Georg14 Jackson Cup' in memory of her close friend Georgia Jackson.

The tournament gave women from different walks of life, the opportunity to participate in a well organised and seamlessly run event.

Thirteen teams entered from the surrounding areas of Brighton, as well as teams from as far away as Watford and Essex.

The tournament was played in aid of the mental health charity 'Mind', and raised over £1,000 which will help benefit the wider community.

Furthering the message about mental health players and spectators were also educated on the signs to look out for and how to help someone.

Naomi showed great determination organising the tournament, overcoming all the challenges and set-backs that come with putting on an event.

She has plans to run the tournament annually, with the aim to raise more funds for the 'Mind' charity and hopefully help more people!

25 YEAR SERVICE TO SUSSEX FOOTBALL AWARDS

AWARDED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS CONTINUAL SERVICE TO SUSSEX FOOTBALL

MICHAEL BEAUMONT ICKLESHAM CASUALS FC

Michael first played football for Icklesham Casuals in 1988 and has played regularly since 1993 clocking up over five hundred appearances.

Michael still plays for the club at the age of 51 and is a very influential member of the reserve team, providing valuable assistance to the younger players.

He has served on the club management committee for many years and is involved in so many other ways; pitch marking, being one of the tasks that he carries out, with minimal fuss.



KEVIN BRAY BURWASH FC

Kevin has been with Burwash FC for many years, covering the key roles of Secretary, Groundsman, Treasurer, Manager and being an all-round Burwash Legend!

He is cited as being the driving force behind the club for years, and has kept the club on its feet, when other local football clubs have unfortunately folded.

Three years ago the club celebrated its one-hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary in style, by winning The Hastings & District Football Association Cup and since then the club has carried on, with Kevin being the key person keeping things together.

Last year, following a major health problem, despite

attempts to bounce back and remain an active person within the club, Kevin resigned as Club Secretary, but still holds the position of club Treasurer.

The opinion is that in no uncertain terms, the club would have folded without Kevin's passion and desire for Burwash FC.

ALAN JENKINS HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN FC

Alan has held many roles during his distinguished twenty five plus years at Haywards Heath Town FC and continues to be a beacon of respect.

Alan has been a committee member since 1990 and he has occupied the role of Chairman on five separate occasions.

He has significantly helped to ensure the financial stability

of the club in his capacity as a Trustee, a role he has held since 1995.

He has also been President of the club six times from 2001 to the present day.

Alan also ran the veterans team for two seasons and held a number of different responsible positions in an administrative capacity.



SUSSEX COUNTY FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS



35 YEAR SERVICE TO SUSSEX FOOTBALL AWARDS

AWARDED FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS CONTINUAL SERVICE TO SUSSEX FOOTBALL

TONY HILLMAN HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN FC

Tony has served Haywards Heath Town FC for over thirty-five years in many different roles, which includes digging trenches for utilities, preparing tea's for visitors, sweeping, cleaning and general ground maintenance such as building, labouring and plumbing.

Tony plays an important part in the clubs success and has

turned his hand to anything asked of him. He will always carry out tasks crucial to the clubs running; undertaking responsibilities which others would not.

Tony started off with the club in 1962 and played for the team until 1975. He was also a youth team coach from 1969 to 1975.

NOEL CONLON IFIELD FC

Noel has been associated with Ifield FC for over thirty-five years, from being a player in the youth side to managing and now as the General Manager.

Although Noel has not played in twenty years, he still continues to pay his subs and when the club was financially unstable he took it upon himself to donate a considerable amount of money to the club, for which he has never asked back.

Noel's children and now grandchildren have grown up being a part of something that he has worked hard to create.

He is always first to the club on a match-day and even puts the nets up, gets the ropes out and puts the dugouts up ready.

Noel loves the club with an absolute passion and conviction and deserves to be recognised for his hard work.

35 YEAR REFEREE AWARDS

PRESENTED FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE AS A REFEREE / ASSESSOR / TUTOR / OBSERVER

IAN MOORE

Ian has been a referee since January 1993 and has reached Level 3 status. His most memorable game was when he refereed the Southern Combination Division 1 Cup Final in 2010 between Littlehampton Town and Loxwood. Incredibly, Loxwood were 4-0 up at the half and went on to lose 5-4. Ian has operated on the Isthmian Football League and the National League (Conference). He is currently on the management committee of the Southern Combination Football League and balances the duty of fines officer with his regular appointments as a match official.

MICHAEL NOBLE

Michael has been a referee since January 1983 and is currently a Level 7. He officiates on the West Kent Sunday Football League along with regular appointments to the Sussex Schools and Colleges League. The most memorable game of his career was his appointment to Brighton College vs. Harris City Academy.



SUSSEX COUNTY FA & THE FA REFEREE AWARDS



40 YEAR REFEREE AWARDS

PRESENTED FOR FORTY YEARS CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE AS A REFEREE / ASSESSOR / TUTOR / OBSERVER

PAUL DALLAWAY

Having registered in 1978, Paul was last promoted to Level 5 Senior County Referee in 1989. Over the years he has officiated on the following leagues: Eastbourne and Hastings, East Sussex, Mid Sussex, and the Sussex County (Combination) Leagues. He also played for Eastbourne Town and was joint manager of the club in the late 1980s. Paul currently referees on an Indoor Veterans Football League and is also a qualified Futsal Referee.

SAMUEL MEPHAM

Having registered in 1978, Sam was last promoted to Level 6 Junior County Referee in 2009. He has been a stalwart in grassroots football, devoting many hours of voluntary time, assisting with the development of new referees.

Sam has held many roles in football, including membership of the Sussex Sunday Youth Football League management committee. The league recognised Sam's efforts and devotion, by making him a Life President of the League. Unfortunately, ill health prevents Sam from attending to collect his award.

DAVID E. SMITH

David had been a referee since January 1978; he climbed the refereeing ladder to reach to Level 5 Senior County Referee status, officiating on many leagues and in various FA Competitions. David's most memorable game was his appointment in the 1st Preliminary Round of The FA Cup; the tie was between Herne Bay and Bognor Regis Town. David

regarded this as the most prestigious appointment he received, and was thrilled to be representing Sussex in an out of county appointment. He was also a key member of the Eastbourne RA. David was really looking forward to attending the awards evening, with his wife Diane. Sadly, he suddenly passed away a few weeks ago, so representing David, Diane and the family

PETER KING

A referee since January 1978, Peter has officiated on a number of leagues including the West Middlesex League, the London Commercial League and the Mid Sussex Adult and Youth Leagues. Peter's most memorable game is the British Railways Western Region vs. London Transport played at Swindon.

In 1996, Peter became a committee member on the Mid Sussex League. In 2013, he turned his hand to the development of new referees, as a registered developer. This involves going to watch new referees, giving on the spot advice, and also writing an Advisory report for the referee.

tonight to collect David's award is Stewart Courtney; a long standing friend of the family and refereeing colleague. David was our 'Big Man', and will be very much missed in everything he gave to Sussex football, and whose lives that he enriched.

50 YEAR SERVICE TO FOOTBALL AWARDS

AWARDED FOR FIFTY YEARS SERVICE TO FOOTBALL

DICKIE DAY SIDLEY UNITED FC

Dickie first started playing for Sidley United at the age of sixteen back in 1968, firstly in the reserves, and then for the first team.

Dickie became manager of the reserves, then progressed on to being the first team manager from 1994 to winning the League Cup in 2000/2001.

During his last three seasons as manager, Dickie guided the team to the Sussex County Football League Division Two title and Cup.

Just two years later they were crowned champions again but this time of the Sussex County Football League Division One, and the Division One Cup, completing yet another League and Cup double.

Dickie then became Chairman which is a position he has held ever since.

Dickie cites his greatest personal achievements as when Sidley United beat the then all conquering Langney Sports. He holds that achievement in equal measures with when the club won the Division One League and Cup double under his leadership.



50 YEAR REFEREE AWARDS

PRESENTED FOR FIFTY YEARS CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE AS A REFEREE / ASSESSOR / TUTOR / OBSERVER

TREVOR BURNAND

In the fifty years that Trevor has been involved in refereeing, he has managed to cover most aspects of the game. In 1968, he started as a class 3 referee (level 7) progressing to class 1, (Level 4) in 1985. Trevor says that we have all had our good matches and our bad ones, and that the latter are the ones we forget about. He was asked to take on an FA Referee Training role, which he was happy to do.

Over the years, many aspiring referees went through Trevor's courses. Around the same

time, Trevor thought that he would like to pass on his knowledge to other up and coming referees, so took on the role of an assessor (now called Observers). This is the role that now takes up his time within refereeing, and he really enjoys this aspect of the game.

Over all the years he has made many friends within the footballing community, and Trevor feels that it is his way of putting something back into the game that he has enjoyed so much, and still continues to.



TREVOR BURNAND

RICHARD ROBERTS

Richard has been a referee since October 1968 and has an abundance of experience having been appointed to both Sussex County FA and London FA County Cups, along with refereeing on the Metropolitan Police League, and the Greek and Turkish Leagues.

Richard also recalls his service to all of the numerous youth football leagues, which he has operated on. He is a Level 5 Senior County Referee and was previously a 'Class 1' in the old system for referees. Richard's most memorable game was his appointment to a prestigious Inter County Cup Final.

THE FA REFEREE AWARDS



ROBIN POWELL

Robin qualified as a referee in 1968, and has operated on the Sussex County (Combination), Metropolitan Sunday, Hastings Sunday and the East Sussex Leagues amongst others, and numerous Sussex County FA Cups.

Robin is currently a Senior Match Official Observer and a current Vice President of the Sussex County FA. With another hat on, Robin is the Chair of the Sussex County FA Honours Working Committee and has also been League Secretary for the Hastings Sunday League for the past 24 years.



ADRIAN HUDSON

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Adrian passed his referee exam in 1967 at Guildford with the Surrey FA. Registered with Surrey FA from 1967-1977. After this, he was with Hampshire FA until 2002, when he moved to Sussex. Since then Adrian has enjoyed sixteen years on the County/Southern Combination League as a Level 5 Referee on the senior/closed list. He regularly referees on that League as well as various Under-18, Women's Leagues, and Cup competitions. Adrian has been honoured with a number of County Cup Finals and appointments to representative games.

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